

LAST MINUTE AGENDA INFORMATION

08/20/08 Regular Meeting

(Agenda Related Writings/Documents provided to a majority of the City Council after distribution of the Agenda Packet for the August 20, 2008 Regular meeting.)

ITEM NO.

DESCRIPTION

6.5

**CITY COUNCIL PROCEDURES (ORDINANCE NO. 2008-1073):
DISCUSSION RE: SETTING PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME LIMITS. (0410-95)**

a. Memorandum from City Manager Brown, dated 08/19/08.

From: Gary Brown, City Manager
To: City Council
Date: August 19, 2008
Subject: Item 6.5 – City Council Procedures

Background

Paragraph 2.12.140.A in part states, "Any procedural decision by the Mayor may be overruled by a majority vote of the quorum."

For example, a majority of the quorum could grant more or less time to speakers.

Paragraph 2.12.150.A.10, Time Limits, states, "The Mayor may limit a person's speaking time to a reasonable period (typically three minutes for individuals) so that the business of the City Council is performed expeditiously and unnecessary repetition is avoided. Further time may be granted to the person addressing the City Council from a person or persons who are present when the speaker addresses the City Council for no more than a total of six minutes. Individuals donating their time waive their individual time to speak on the matter."

Recommendation

To clarify the relationship between the sentence mentioned above in Paragraph 2.12.140.A and Paragraph 2.12.150.A.10, we recommend that Paragraph 2.12.150.A.10 read as follows:

"Time Limits. The Mayor may limit a person's speaking time to a reasonable period (typically three minutes for individuals) so that the business of the City Council is performed expeditiously and unnecessary repetition is avoided. **The Mayor's allotment of time to any speaker may be increased or decreased by a majority vote of the quorum.** Further time may be granted to the person addressing the City Council from a person or persons who are present when the speaker addresses the City Council for no more than a total of six minutes. Individuals donating their time waive their individual time to speak on the matter."

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